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SUBJECT: WFP/JORDAN SHIPMENT VIA BEIRUT PA/PR 895-98-000-4701

REF: A. STATE 1937841, 15 AUG 1975, B. STATE 198962, 21 AUG 1975

C. STATE 117976, 5 JUNE 1074; D. STATE 185119, 22 AUG 1974

E. STATE 061397, 19 AMRCH 1975

1. REFTEEL A, PARA 2, AID/W IS CORRECT THAT NO RPT NO REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM WFP/BEIRUT UNDER PA/PR 895-98-999-4701. ENTIRE ORIGINAL AMOUNT AUTHORIZED (I.E. DOL 115,000) THERE FORE REMAINS INTACT AS OF THIS DATE. ON AUG 21,1975, HOWEVER, EMBASSY RECEIVED LETER FROM WFP/BEIRUT CLAIMING REIMBURSEMENT FOR CONSIGNMENTS FROM BEIRUT TO AMMAN "IN 1974" (COPIES BEING POUCED TO DEPT). WE HAVE ASKED WFP/BEIRUT FOR MORE EXPLICIT INFORMATION RE THIS REQUEST BUT IN MEANTIME ARE ATTEMPTING CLARIFY NUMBER OF SHIPMENTS FALLING UNDER REFERENCED PA/PR (I.E. WFP/JORDAN SHIPMENS LANDED AT BEIRUT BETWEEN JUN1,1974 AND JUNE 5,1975).

2. WFP/BEIRUT LETTER OF AUG 21,1975 REFERS TO TRANSHIPMENT OF 1360 MTN OF FLOUR AND 26 MTN OF BULGAR EX S/S LESLIE LYKES AND S/S DOLLY TURMAN. ON BASIS OF CABLE AND OTHER TRAFFIC AVAILABLE TO THIS EMABSSY, WE CANNOT EXACTLY SQUARE THESE VESSELS AND AMOUNTS WITH REFERENCED PAPP AND WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE OF DEPT AND AID/W IN INVENTORYING SHIPMENTS AND AMOUNTS WHICH CAN BE REIMBURSED UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

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3. REVIEWING OUR FILES, WE FIND FIRST SHIPMENT UNDER THIS PA

PR TO BE ABOARD S/S THOMPSON LYKES (REFTEL C) RE PARA 2EFTEL C. AMOUN
TS OF FLOUR AND BULGAR LOADED THOMPSON LYKES
COINCIDE WITH FIGURES CLAIMED IN ABOVE WFP/BEIRUT REQUEST
RECEIVED HERE AUG 21,1975 BUT VESSEL NAME (I.E. LESLIE LYKES)
IS DIFFERENT. CAN WASHINGTON SHED LIGHT ON THIS DISCREPANCY?
PUR RECORDS SHOW ONLY ONE MENTION OF S/S DOLLY TURMAN (REFTEL
D) BUT DO NOT RPT NOT INDICATE THAT THIS SHIPMENT FALLS UNDER
RELEVANT PA/PR OR SUGGEST HOW CARGO SUPPOSEDLY SHIPPED VIA
S/S THOMPSON LYKES CAME TO BE ON TWO DIFFERENT SHIPS. FINALYY
REFTEL E INDICATES THAT A SHIPMENT FOR WFP/HORDAN SHOULD HAVE
ARRIVED BEIRUT ABOARD S/S HOLLANDIA PRIOR REOPENING OF SUEZ
CANAL AND IS THEREFORE PRESUMABLY ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT
UNDER PA/PR. IS THIS CORRECT?

4. IN VIEW LENGTHY DELAYS WFP/BEIRUT IN SUBMITTING REQUEST
FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERLAND TRANSPORT COSTS FOR PREVIOUS
SHIPMENTS UNDER THIS PA/PR, EMBASSY WILL SEEK CLARIFY SITUATION
WITH WFP/BEIRUT AND UNDP BEIRUT. PRIOR TO SP DOING, HOWEVER
WE REQUEST THAT DEPT AND AID W PROVIDE US BY CABLE WITH UP
DATED LIST OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS WITH TRANSPORTING VESSELS
WHICH ARE COVERED BY THIS PA/PR.

5. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL B AUTHORIZING AMENDENT OF PA/PR
EMBOFF MET WITH RESREP, INDP LEBABON TO EXPEDITE ACTION ON
PENDING S/S JEAN LYKES SHIPMENT. WITH CONCURRENCE DEPT AND
AID/W WE PLAN GIVE PRIORITY TO THIS CASE SO AS TO PREVENT
ACCUMULATION OF FURTHER STORAGE CHARGES ON FLOUR STILL WAREHOUSED
IN BEIRUT AND MINIMIZE RISKS OF DETERIORATION OF SHIPMENT.
PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DEPT CONCURS THIS PRIORITY.

6. WE WILL KEEP ADDRESSEES ADVISED OF PROGRESS AND AMOUNTS
REIMBURSED TO WFP/BEIRUT OUT OF ORIGINAL DOLS 115,000. ONCE WE
HAVE SOLVED URGENT PROBLEM REPRESENTED BY JEAN LYKES CARGO
AND RECEIVED INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 4 QBOVE, EMBASSY WILL
PROCEED ASAP TO CLEAR UP MATTER OF PAST SHIPMENTS UNDER THIS
AUTHORIZATION AND CLOSE OUT BOOKS RE THIS MATTER.
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